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LIBRARY PLANNING CONFERENCE FOR SOUTHERN REGION

(Upon request, Mrs. Frances Lander Spain prepared the following report on the Conference.)

The Southern Association Library Committee, Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, Chairman, under a grant from the General Education Board, sponsored a conference of state school library supervisors and library science instructors in Atlanta, Georgia, May 23 and 24, 1945, to review and discuss school library conditions in the South. Representatives from all southern states, except Mississippi, were present, with Major Louis R. Shores, formerly Director of Peabody Library School and now of the U. S. Army Air Force, to summarize the findings of the conference.

The program of the first meeting included reports on library conditions in schools in the South. Major Shores identified the following trends from these reports:

- Keen interest in book selection on the part of teachers.
- Slow but sure increase in financial support. (State aid.)
- Increasing state direction to school library development.
- Interest in elementary school libraries is increasing.
- Concern over adequate and attractive school library quarters.
- Public library cooperation is being initiated.
- Increase in qualified personnel, though set back by war, is notable.
- Teacher cooperation is receiving major attention.
- Pre-service and in-service training for teachers and teacher-librarians.
- Negro school library service is improving, though far below desirable level.

At the second meeting library science instructors reported on the status of library training in our region. Major Shores summarized conditions in this area as follows:

- War has reduced enrollments, made demand impossible to supply.
- Growing alliance with schools and departments of education rather than with college libraries indicates a trend.
- Audio-visual aids are appearing more prominently in the curriculum.
- Negro library science departments are still inadequate in number and orientation.
- Standardization of course organization is improving, making now possible course transfer and balanced cumulations.

A second graduate year of library science has been launched at Peabody for B.S. in L.S. graduates, as well as an M.A. program for graduates of Southern Association accredited library science departments.

The second day of the conference was devoted to consideration of the Southern Association standards for school libraries and for training agencies. Both sets of standards were examined critically in the light of present school library practices and future needs, and various modifications were recommended to the Southern Association Library Committee for presentation to the Southern Association.

Reports from every state indicated the following problems, general throughout the South, that need immediate attention:

Personnel—Shortage of adequately trained librarians is acute; recruiting from among successful teachers, promising students, and returning service people is urgent.

Training—Articulation of the various programs offered is essential.

Supervision—Five states (South Carolina is one of these) are without school library supervisors; other six states need more assistance in school library department.

Standards—Certain modifications are now desirable in Southern Association standards for school libraries and training agencies.

School cooperation and library promotion—There are still many administrators and teachers who have not sensed the library's possibilities in the learning process.

Negro school library service—Increased attention to assisting more Negro schools to meet library standards is needed.

School library practices—Formulation and crystallization of school library practices requires the concerted effort of school library leaders.

Executive Board of S.C.L.A.

Miss Helen Hagan, President, presided over a meeting of the Executive Board of the South Carolina Library Association on May 26, 1945 in the office of the State Library Board. Members present were: Mr. J. Isaac Copeland, Miss Mary Cox, Miss Ellen Perry, Miss Carrie Moore and Miss Nancy Blair. Miss Emily Sanders could not attend.

Tentative plans and dates for a fall meeting of the Association were discussed. A deciding factor will be the ruling of the Office of Defense Transportation on conferences.

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Statistics, Please

The Library Service Division of the U. S. Office of Education is making a nation-wide collection of public library statistics for the first time since 1938-39. Mr. Ralph M. Dunbar, Chief of the Library Service Division, has expressed a desire to fit in with the statistical plans of the State Library Board. Therefore, the State Library Board will distribute and collect the statistical report forms. One copy will be retained to form the basis of the Public Library Statistics for South Carolina.

In addition, the State Library Board is requesting a complete list of staff members of each library. These lists will be compiled for a South Carolina Library Directory.

The report forms with necessary instructions will be mailed to each library after the first of July.

Patrons are People—a Useful Pamphlet

"As gay and apt a set of 'lessons' as one could want is 'Patrons Are People: How to be a Model Librarian,' prepared by a committee of the Minneapolis Public Library Staff. Written for local consumption, this forty-page pamphlet published by the A.L.A. will be applicable and useful anywhere. Copies are 50c each; ten copies, 40c each; twenty-five or more, 35c each from the American Library Association, 520 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago 11, Ill."

Miss Bowman, Librarian, Sixth Naval District

In the list of service librarians in South Carolina, which appeared in the April Bulletin, the name of Miss Emmy Lou Bowman, Librarian, Sixth Naval District, Navy Yard, S. C., was omitted. We regret the omission and take this opportunity to welcome Miss Bowman.

1945-46 Appropriation for State Library Board

After approval by the Budget Commission and the Ways and Means Committee, the General Assembly appropriated \$20,000.00 for the State Library Board. Of

this amount, \$10,815.00 will be used for state aid to county libraries, for books for loan to individuals and communities without access to a county library and for inter-library loans. The remaining funds will be used for operating expenses and for carrying on the other duties of a state library agency.

It will be fitting for librarians and members of library boards to make it a special point to thank their legislators for their support of this measure.

Message from A.L.A. Membership Committee

The following letter is from Miss Emily Sanders, Librarian, Charleston Free Library, and a member of the A.L.A. Membership Committee:

Teachers have made definite advancement through organization. Librarians can do the same. The American Library Association is your professional organization.

Each of us derives benefit from the achievements of the A.L.A. In normal times it is constantly on the alert in seeking opportunities for extending and improving library service. It is continuously concerned with problems of securing financial support for libraries, with education for librarianship, standards, salaries, and employment. During the war its major energies have been concentrated on helping libraries to utilize all of their resources, including materials and personnel, in active service to the nation in winning the war and the peace.

The Association would be able to accomplish its task more effectively, however, if it had back of it the moral and financial support which librarians can give it by enrolling and continuing as members. It needs the leadership of all librarians, whether from county, special, college and university, school, or public library.

Will you help in this program by sending your membership fee to the A.L.A. Membership Department, 520 North Michigan Ave., Chicago 11, Ill., or, if you prefer, directly to me for forwarding for you?

Scale of dues:

For salaries under \$1,201.00 annually	\$ 2.00
For salaries \$1,201-\$1,500.00 annually	\$ 3.00
For salaries \$1,501-\$2,100.00 annually	\$ 4.00
For salaries \$2,101-\$3,000.00 annually	\$ 5.00
For salaries \$3,001-\$4,000.00 annually	\$ 6.00
For salaries \$4,001-\$5,000.00 annually	\$ 8.00
For salaries \$5,001 and over annually	\$10.00

Library Development Fund

Contributions to the Library Development Fund have reached \$528.80, which is far short of our \$970.00 goal. Several counties have not reported, however.

Special recognition is due the county librarians, who in most instances served as county chairmen. Miss Helen Hagan, Librarian of Coker College, is to be commended for her effort in writing to the college librarians of the state.

The following is a list of the contributions by county: Abbeville, \$15.00; Aiken, \$25.00; Allendale-Hampton, \$30.00; Bamberg, \$4.00; Berkeley, \$3.20; Calhoun, \$7.60; Charleston, \$82.00; Cherokee, \$25.00; Chesterfield, \$1.00; Darlington, \$37.00; Dillon, \$27.50; Greenville, \$42.00; Greenwood, \$10.00; Kershaw, \$20.00; Laurens, \$2.50;

Marion, \$7.50; Newberry, \$20.00; Oconee, \$2.00; Orangeburg, \$30.00; Pickens, \$15.00; Richland, \$77.00; Sumter, \$7.00; York, \$38.50.

The funds from this campaign will be used by the American Library Association to maintain a representative of libraries in Washington for a four year period. While the immediate objective is to secure the surplus Army books and funds to insure their distribution to existing public and public school libraries and to now un-served areas, this representative would further legislation benefitting all types of libraries. This program will benefit libraries, librarians, library borrowers and those who would use libraries if they had them.

If you are interested and wish to contribute, please send your donation to Miss Nancy C. Blair, State Director, Library Development Fund, S. C. National Bank Bldg., Columbia 6, S. C.

Prizes and Awards

Pulitzer Prizes

John Hersey's "A Bell for Adano" won the Pulitzer Prize for the best novel of 1944. It is a quiet story of a Sicilian village, Adano, which has been captured from the Germans by the Americans. The theme is the problems confronting Allied Military Governments in occupied countries.

The biography award went to Russell Blaine Nye for his "George Bancroft: Brahmin Rebel" and the history award to Stephen Bonsal for "Unfinished Business". "Unfinished Business" consists of extracts from the notes of Colonel Bonsal, Woodrow Wilson's confidential interpreter at the Paris Peace Conference.

"V-Letter and Other Poems" by Karl Jay Shapiro received the prize in the poetry field. The drama prize went to Mary Chase for "Harvey" which is not in book form as yet.

Bill Mauldin was awarded the cartoon prize for "Up Front". His cartoons, which deal chiefly with two bed-ragged infantrymen, have appeared in all editions of "Stars and Stripes" and in many newspapers in the United States. Sergeant Mauldin has written the text which accompanies his pictures.

As usual, there have been many dissenting opinions on the decisions. The Pulitzer Prize Poll conducted by the Saturday Review of Literature, for instance, gives 24 out of 36 votes to "Yankee from Olympus" by Catherine Drinker Bowen for the biography award; the history award to "Lee's Lieutenants" by Douglas Southall Freeman and Russel W. Davenport's "My Country" won the majority of votes for the poetry award. In this poll "A Bell for Adano" tied with "Boston Adventure" by Jean Stafford for the fiction prize.

1944 Nobel Prize for Literature

Johannes V. Jensen, a Danish writer, received the 1944 Nobel Prize for Literature. "The Long Journey" is probably the best known of this author's books. It is a trilogy and "amounts to a chronicle of the human race from its remote beginnings to a time with which history makes us reasonably familiar".

Newbery-Caldecott Awards

The winners of the annual Newbery-Caldecott Awards were announced at a luncheon at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York on June 9. The Caldecott Medal for the most distinguished picture book of the year was

awarded to Elizabeth Orton Jones for her illustrations in "Prayer for a Child" by Rachel Field. The Newbery Medal for the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children went to Robert Lawson for "Rabbit Hill", which he also illustrated.

College and University Libraries

Helen Hagan, Correspondent

Mrs. Spain Receives Doctor's Degree

Mrs. Frances Lander Spain, who organized the Library Science Department at Winthrop College eight years ago, recently received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Library Science from the University of Chicago. The subject of her dissertation was "Libraries of South Carolina: Their Origin and Early History, 1700-1830". It is available in typed form from the University of Chicago on inter-library loan.

We congratulate Mrs. Spain on her achievement, which is an outstanding one. There are less than forty persons in the United States holding this degree.

Winthrop College Library

Miss Ida J. Dacus, librarian of Winthrop College Library, writes that they always try to keep some special project underway and that, as far as she knows, many of these projects are unique with their Carnegie Library.

Every book, periodical and pamphlet is marked with a white band on which the call number is marked in India ink. This serves as a mark of identification as well as an aid in finding and returning books to the shelves.

Pamphlets of any value are cataloged and placed in the collection.

The more ephemeral magazines which are not sent to a bindery are laced together in volumes and arranged in temporary binders of heavy cardboard with a heavy weight cotton for the spine.

The catalogues of the outstanding colleges in the United States are arranged by states and are used in courses on the history of Education and by people seeking positions.

The clipping file of worthwhile articles from newspapers is made more useful by having a card for each article in the card catalogue.

The Winthrop Library has some very valuable sets of books. Among them are a complete file of the Congressional Globe and Congressional Record which give the record of Congress from 1833 to the present, and The Writings of George Washington from the Original Manuscript Sources, 1745-1799, which was presented to the library last year by Congressman James P. Richards. The Library also has an unusually fine file of standard magazines. Some of the oldest are: volume one of the Edinburgh Review (1802), volume one of Miles Weekly Register (1811), volume one of Blackwood's Magazine (1817) and volume one of Littell's Living Age (1844).

Attention is called to new books by a Book List that is put out about every two weeks and by displays on the bulletin board. Attention is called to magazine and newspaper articles of special interest by a poster which lists six or more outstanding articles and is headed "Have you read these interesting articles?"

The special project this year is the revision of the card catalogue, making corrections, and replacing worn and soiled cards.

Tea Honors Dr. and Mrs. Van Male

The staff of the University of South Carolina Library entertained at a tea in honor of Dr. and Mrs. John Van Male on June 14th. Dr. Van Male, formerly librarian of Madison College, Harrisonburg, Virginia, assumed his duties as librarian of the University on June 1st.

County and Regional Libraries

Mary Cox, Correspondent

Story Hour

Mrs. Jessie J. Baker reports that the Kershaw County Library is holding very successful story hours every Friday afternoon from four until five o'clock. Teachers of the primary grades have volunteered as story tellers. The present volunteer is Miss Helen Phelps, who has had special training in kindergarten work. She dramatizes some of the stories and the children enjoy acting in them. From 20 to 30 children attend the story hour.

Orangeburg County Library Service for Negroes

Mrs. Georgie Adams, Orangeburg County Librarian writes:

The Orangeburg County Branch Library for Negroes began as a WPA project in December 1939. The library was sponsored by the Sunlight Club, a charitable Negro organization, and was located in a building which the club used as a community center.

In October 1941, the library was placed under the auspices of the Orangeburg County Library Commission. Funds for one librarian's salary were provided by the County Delegation but it was not until the following year that a fund for books was appropriated.

This library grew so rapidly that by January 1945, it became necessary to find larger and more appropriate quarters. A site was located in Hollyrood Hall on the corner of Claffin University Campus. This is situated near both Negro colleges, the Negro high school, 2 Negro grammar schools and 4 thickly settled communities. The library was moved on February 16 and the formal opening held on the afternoon of March 2, 1945.

The Branch Library is headquarters for bookmobile service to Negro schools of the county. Throughout the entire school session, visits are made on a regular schedule. The bookmobile is used for Negro service the last week of each month. The County Librarian is accompanied by the Negro librarian on the routes, on which 39 Negro schools are served. The 91 teachers in these schools assume responsibility for the books and magazines. Remarkably few books are lost or damaged in spite of the high circulation figure.

There are approximately 3,000 books in the Negro collection. Many are out of date but the majority are usable. New books are being added constantly. Especial attention is given to titles by and about the Negro.

The circulation from the Branch for the period July 1, 1944-May 31, 1945 was 8,150. City borrowers read 4,288 volumes while the county circulation was 2,504. Supplementary readers were circulated 1,358 times.

There are 1,124 registered Negro borrowers in the city of Orangeburg. Since the teachers circulate the books in the county, the borrowers are not registered.

The Orangeburg County Library Commission has three main post-war aims for the Branch Library. One is to

secure a bookmobile, another is to provide an adequate building and the third is to increase the staff.

Anderson's Increased Book Appropriation

The Anderson County Legislative Delegation appropriated \$1,000.00 for books for the Anderson County Library, which is in charge of Mrs. Emma S. Cole. The County Board of Education will continue to operate the county service.

Vacation Reading Club at Richland County Library

Miss Roberta McKinnon, Children's Librarian at the Richland County Library, reports that 105 children have enrolled for the Young Americans' Book Club, the vacation reading club. The enrollment period is from June 18 through June 30.

There are two selected lists from which the members may read and each book is designated by a small American flag on the spine. The requirements are that each child read five books of fiction and five of non-fiction and make a report a week. The report forms provide for the author and title of the book, chief characters, a short paragraph on the plot or subject and the reader's opinion of the book.

On display in the Children's Room is an American Eagle for each member. On the eagle is a space for the member's name and the names of the books read.

When the Club ends on August 31st, there will be a party for the children who have read the required books and certificates will be awarded.

Personals

MISS FLORENCE BLAKELY (Peabody '45) of Clinton will join the staff of the Greenville Public Library on July 1st.

MISS ANNA BELLE CLEMENTS, a teacher at Hand Junior High School, Columbia, is substituting at the Richland County Public Library during the summer.

MISS VIRGINIA HOLLIDAY of Columbia is also substituting at the Richland County Library. Miss Holliday teaches at Kershaw.

MISS MARTHA JONES (Peabody '44) will substitute for MRS. PAULINE ROSS at the Darlington Public Library this summer. Miss Jones is librarian of the St. John's High School in Darlington.

MRS. ELLA SUE SMITH, Librarian of the Anderson Public Library and MRS. JEWEL ROBERTS, Assistant Librarian, will attend summer school at Emory University. Mrs. Roberts will go for the first term and Mrs. Smith for the second.

MR. FANT THORNLEY, who recently received his discharge from the Marine Corps, will rejoin the staff of the Richland County Library.

MISS MADELEINE MOSIMANN is substituting in the County Department of the Charleston Free Library this summer.

MISSES MORDENAI RAISIN and ECLETE TSI-ROUPOULOU are summer substitutes in the Main Building of the Charleston Free Library.

Code of Ethics for Librarians

Adopted by the A.L.A. Council, December, 1938

Preamble

1. The library as an institution exists for the benefit of a given constituency, whether it be the citizens of a community, members of an educational institution, or some larger or more specialized group. Those who enter the library profession assume an obligation to maintain ethical standards of behavior in relation to the governing authority under which they work, to the library constituency, to the library as an institution and to fellow workers on the staff, to other members of the library profession, and to society in general.

2. The term librarian in this code applies to any person who is employed by a library to do work that is recognized to be professional in character according to standards established by the American Library Association.

3. This code sets forth principles of ethical behavior for the professional librarian. It is not a declaration of prerogatives nor a statement of recommended practices in specific situations.

I. Relation of the Librarian to the Governing Authority

4. The librarian should perform his duties with realization of the fact that final jurisdiction over the administration of the library rests in the officially constituted governing authority. This authority may be vested in a designated individual, or in a group such as a committee or board.

5. The chief librarian should keep the governing authority informed on professional standards and progressive action. Each librarian should be responsible for carrying out the policies of the governing authority and its appointed executives with a spirit of loyalty to the library.

6. The chief librarian should interpret decisions of the governing authority to the staff, and should act as liaison officer in maintaining friendly relations between staff members and those in authority.

7. Recommendations to the governing authority for the appointment of a staff member should be made by the chief librarian solely upon the basis of the candidate's professional and personal qualifications for the position. Continuance in service and promotion should depend upon the quality of performance, following a definite and known policy. Whenever the good of the service requires a change in personnel, timely warning should be given. If desirable adjustment cannot be made, unsatisfactory service should be terminated in accordance with the policy of the library and the rules of tenure.

8. Resolutions, petitions, and requests of a staff organization or group should be submitted through a duly appointed representative to the chief librarian. If a mutually satisfactory solution cannot be reached, the chief librarian, on request of the staff, should transmit the matter to the governing authority. The staff may further request that they be allowed to send a representative to the governing authority, in order to present their pinions in person.

II. Relation of the Librarian to his Constituency

9. The chief librarian, aided by staff members in touch with the constituency, should study the present and future needs of the library, and should acquire

materials on the basis of those needs. Provision should be made for as wide a range of publications and as varied a representation of viewpoints as is consistent with the policies of the library and with the funds available.

10. It is the librarian's responsibility to make the resources and services of the library known to its potential users. Impartial service should be rendered to all who are entitled to use the library.

11. It is the librarian's obligation to treat as confidential any private information obtained through contact with library patrons.

12. The librarian should try to protect library property and to inculcate in users a sense of their responsibility for its preservation.

III. Relations of the Librarian within his Library

13. The chief librarian should delegate authority, encourage a sense of responsibility and initiative on the part of staff members, provide for their professional development, and appreciate good work. Staff members should be informed of the duties of their positions and the policies and problems of the library.

14. Loyalty to fellow workers and a spirit of courteous cooperation, whether between individuals or between departments, are essential to effective library service.

15. Criticism of library policies, service, and personnel should be offered only to the proper authority for the sole purpose of improvement of the library.

16. Acceptance of a position in a library incurs an obligation to remain long enough to repay the library for the expense incident to adjustment. A contract signed or agreement made should be adhered to faithfully until it expires or is dissolved by mutual consent.

17. Resignations should be made long enough before they are to take effect to allow adequate time for the work to be put in shape and a successor appointed.

18. A librarian should never enter into a business dealing on behalf of the library which will result in personal profit.

IV. Relation of the Librarian to his Profession

20. Librarians should recognize librarianship as an educational profession and realize that the growing effectiveness of their service is dependent upon their own development.

21. In view of the importance of ability and personality traits in library work, a librarian should encourage only those persons with suitable aptitudes to enter the library profession and should discourage the continuance in service of the unfit.

22. Recommendations should be confidential and should be fair to the candidate and the prospective employer by presenting an unbiased statement of strong and weak points.

23. Librarians should have a sincere belief and a critical interest in the library profession. They should endeavor to achieve and maintain adequate salaries and proper working conditions.

24. Formal appraisal of the policies or practices of another library should be given only upon the invitation of that library's governing authority or chief librarian.

25. Librarians, in recognizing the essential unity of their profession, should have membership in library organizations and should be ready to attend and participate in library meetings and conferences.

V. Relation of the Librarian to Society

26. Librarians should encourage a general realization of the value of library service and be informed concerning movements, organizations, and institutions whose aims are compatible with those of the library.

27. Librarians should participate in public and community affairs and so represent the library that it will take its place among educational, social, and cultural agencies.

28. A librarian's conduct should be such as to maintain public esteem for the library and for library work.

Town Libraries

The following is from Miss Nan Weller, Librarian of the Rock Hill Public Library:

The Negro branch of the Rock Hill Public Library, The Palmetto Branch Library, located at 125 South Trade Street, held its formal opening December 5, 1944. A large crowd of citizens, both white and Negro, attended the opening.

The Library building has been completely renovated, painted, and furnished with adequate shelving space, new furniture and other equipment.

The Palmetto Library first operated at Friendship College and was supported in its early stages by Negroes of the community. Gifts of books were received from interested organizations and individuals. In February 1936, the first support was given by the Rock Hill Public Library and the name Palmetto Branch was adopted. The small bookstock was housed in the Emmett Scott school building and one of the teachers, Susan F. Bailey, served as librarian.

Annie Cloud, a former teacher at Friendship College, is the present librarian.

Today the book collection consists of approximately 2,000 volumes, many of which have been purchased and cataloged recently. Newspapers and periodicals are also available at the Branch. The use of the library has increased steadily since the opening of the Library in December as the circulation figures for the past six months reveal.

Lide Memorial Medical Library

TRI-COUNTY HOSPITAL, ORANGEBURG, S. C.

Mrs. Georgie Adams, Librarian of the Orangeburg County Free Library, recently completed an interesting extra-curricular job. When she finished her Nurse's Aide course, she was requested to organize the newly acquired medical library of the Tri-County hospital as her Nurse's Aide duties. The library consisted of 1,000 books given in memory of the late Mr. Robert Lide. The collection was purchased from Ogelthorpe University and catalog and shelf list cards accompanied the books. Some of the books were labelled but many were not. It was Mrs. Adams' task to have the library in order in time for the dedication which was to take place in six weeks time.

The catalog and shelf list have been organized, the books labelled and a complete inventory of the original library made. All this was in addition to Mrs. Adams' duties at her own library and was done at night.

The library, which is used by the members of the Edisto Medical Society, is one of the outstanding medi-

cal libraries of the state. New books and donations from personal libraries have been added to the original collection. The recent acquisitions have not been processed because Mrs. Adams has resumed the regular duties of a Nurse's Aide. She hopes that a librarian, who can devote her entire time to the library, will be employed so the library can be of the greatest benefit to its patrons.

County and Regional Libraries

Mrs. Leon Holley, Librarian, Aiken County Library, reports:

During the month of June the Aiken County Library opened three new branches in the villages of Bath, Clearwater and Langley. Each library is open two days a week from 11:00 A. M. to 5:30 P. M. with a full time librarian serving the three branches.

The Village Management Corporation of the mills in Horse Creek Valley requested the Library to work out a plan of service for this section. The following are the outstanding points of the agreement: the Management provides the quarters, lights, heat, furnishings, the librarian's salary and a permanent reference shelf of encyclopedias, dictionaries, etc., while the County Library supervises the work, selects and orders the reference books and magazines and furnishes for each branch an allotment of around three hundred books which will be changed every two months. The Management pays a certain stipulated amount each month to the County Library for this book service.

The State Library Board has given helpful counsel and loaned a number of their non-fiction duplicates that will be of great help since the County library has not acquired a stock of books of such size that so many could be placed in branches and not have the general public suffer.

Librarian of Congress

Luther H. Evans has been appointed Librarian of Congress by President Truman. Dr. Evans has been on the staff of the Library of Congress since 1939 and has been acting librarian since Mr. Archibald MacLeish was appointed to the State Department. Dr. Evans was one of the three people recommended for the position by Mr. Carl Vitz, President of the A.L.A.

1945-46 A.L.A. Officers

Ralph A. Ulveling of the Detroit Public Library becomes President of the A.L.A. July 1, 1945. Other officers are: Mary U. Rothrock, Tennessee Valley Authority, First Vice-President and President-Elect; Emerson Greenaway, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, Second Vice-President; Rudolph H. Gjelsness, University of Michigan, Treasurer.